

Senate Resolution 119

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the contributions of senior Georgians and declaring the week of February 24,
2 2009, as Senior Week at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, senior citizens are the state's most rapidly expanding resource with retirees
4 moving to Georgia from every state in the nation, increasing the population of older
5 Georgians by a projected 83 percent by 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, seniors in Georgia contribute immeasurably to the state's vitality by capitalizing
7 on their strengths, talents, knowledge, and resources to provide volunteer leadership in our
8 communities, mentor the children of Georgia, enjoy Georgia's natural attractions and leisure
9 opportunities, and participate in Georgia's growing international marketplace; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly benefits by hearing from older Georgians and
11 their families about their concerns and needs and their suggestions regarding how elected
12 officials can better serve this growing segment of the population; and

13 WHEREAS, in order to positively impact state policy and to improve the future of all
14 Georgians, seniors need to understand and become meaningfully involved in our state's
15 legislative process; and

16 WHEREAS, since 1987, the Georgia Council on Aging has organized an annual gathering
17 of senior Georgians conducting special activities referred to as Senior Week at the Capitol
18 to raise public awareness about the needs and contributions of seniors.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the week of February 24,
20 2009, shall be observed as Senior Week at the Capitol, and all members are encouraged to
21 respond to issues of importance to senior Georgians.

- 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Council on Aging.